

Rute Merk

b. 1991, Lithuania

Lives and works in Berlin

Education

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| Academy of Fine Arts in Munich (AdBK), Germany | 2023 |
| Edinburgh College of Arts, Edingburgh, Scotland (Erasmus Scholar) | 2013 |
| BA, Vilnius Academy of Arts, University in Vilnius, Lithuania | 2013 |

Solo Exhibitions

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| Promises / Pažadai, National Gallery of Art, Vilnius, LT | 2024 |
| Moments, beacon, Munich, DE | 2023 |
| XP, Tara Downs, New York, US | 2022 |
| f(x), Gallery Vacancy, Shanghai, CN | 2021 |
| Стрілецька, WT Foundation, Kyiv, UA | 2020 |
| SS20, Tara Downs, New York, US | 2020 |
| Solitaire, Gallery Vacancy, Shanghai, CN | 2019 |
| Sprites, Tara Downs, New York, US | 2018 |
| Virtualacra, VENT Gallery, Vienna, AT | 2018 |
| Spirits Within, Editorial, Vilnius, LT | 2016 |
| Dedicated to, All Welcome, Vilnius, Lithuania | 2014 |
| Studio Show, Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, FR | |

Group Exhibitions

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| The Descendants, K11 MUSEA, Hong Kong, CN | 2023 |
| Hot Little Pool, Lobe Block, Berlin, DE | 2022 |
| Purple - 30 Ans d'Avant Garde, Palais Galliera, Paris, FR | 2022 |
| The American Friend, Downs & Ross, New York, US | 2022 |
| Women of Now: Dialogues of Memory, Place & Identity, Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas, US | 2022 |
| Growing Out? Growing Up? Contemporary Art Collecting in the Baltics, Zuzeum, Riga, Latvia | 2022 |
| Where are the people?, National Gallery of Art, Vilnius, LT | 2021 |
| Vacation, Gallery Vacancy, Shanghai, CN | 2021 |
| [Permission Denied], Gallery Vacancy, Shanghai, CN | 2021 |
| Strained Intimacies, Hussenot, Paris, FR | 2021 |
| Inner Pockets, Editorial, Vilnius, LT | 2019 |
| Jahresgaben, Kunstverein München, Munich, DE | 2019 |
| Fakten Träumen - Dreaming Facts, Galerie Weisser Elefant, Berlin, DE | 2019 |
| TT, Atletika Gallery, Vilnius, LT | 2019 |
| XVII a., Autarkia, Vilnius, LT | 2019 |
| L'artiste devant sa toile, Marburger Kunstverein, Marburg, DE | 2019 |
| Jahresgaben, Kunstverein München, Munich, DE | 2018 |
| Jahresausstellung, Akademie der Bildenden Künste, Munich, DE | 2018 |
| Entangled Tales, RUPERT, Vilnius, LT | 2018 |
| JCDecaux Prize, Contemporary Art Centre (CAC), Vilnius, LT | 2017 |
| White Walkers, curated by Kaspars Groševs, Tallinas 10, Riga, LV | 2017 |
| Body and Darkness, Galerija VARTAI, Vilnius, LT | 2017 |

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| Children of the New East, Tallinn Art Hall, Tallinn, EE | 2017 |
| Žilvitis (Willow), Galerija VARTAI, Vilnius, LT | 2016 |
| Joy and Mirror, Galerija 427, Riga, LV | 2016 |
| Growing Insistence, Šiauliai Art Gallery, Šiauliai, LT | 2016 |
| Young Painter's Prize, RUPERT, Vilnius, LT | 2015 |
| Work-in-Progress, Contemporary Art Centre (CAC), Vilnius, LT | 2014 |
| Young Painter's Prize, Contemporary Art Centre (CAC), Vilnius, LT | 2013 |
| 24 Spaces – A Cacophony, Malmö Konsthall, Sweden | 2012 |
| Painting in Lithuania, Contemporary Art Centre (CAC), Vilnius, LT | 2012 |
| Contemporary Past: Tracking a Postcard, Nida Art Colony, LT | 2012 |
| Story II – we hear same, DE KIJKDOOS, Amsterdam, NL | 2012 |

Residencies

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| Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris, France | 2014 |
| Joy & Mirror residency, Museo Fondazione MACC, Calasetta, Sardinia, Italy | 2013 |
| Contemporary Past: Tracking a Postcard, Nida Art Colony, Nida, Lithuania | 2012 |

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

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| DAAD-Preis für hervorragende Leistungen internationaler Studierender an den deutschen Hochschulen | 2023 |
| Individual Grant, Lithuanian Council for Culture | 2022 |
| Winner of Audience Prize, JCDecaux Young Artists Prize, Vilnius, LT | 2017 |
| Individual Grant, Lithuanian Council for Culture | 2017 |
| Painter's Prize, Vilnius, LT | 2015 |
| Young Painter's Prize, Vilnius, LT | 2013 |

Selected Bibliography

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| Gindi, Maegan. "Tara Downs Could be the First R-Rated Gallery," Cultured, May 17 | 2023 |
| "Women And Painting", Purple Magazine, The 30YRS Issue, #38 F/W | 2022 |
| Bian, Yujia. "Rute Merk: f(x)", ARTFORUM, August 17 | 2022 |
| Eckardt, Stephanie. "Rute Merk's Vision for the Future of Painting," W Magazine, October 14 | 2021 |
| Irish, Anni. "NYC's Armory and Independent Return with Upgrades," Art & Object, September 13 | 2021 |
| Battaglia, Andy. "The 6 Best Booths at New York's Independent Art Fair," ARTnews, September 10 | 2021 |
| Kazakina, Katya. "The Demand is Off the Charts: At the Independent Art Fair, Young Figurative Painters Steal the Show (and Draw Mile-Long Waitlists)," Artnet News, September 10 | 2021 |
| Kazakina, Katya. "Want to Get a Jump on the Collecting Competition? Here are 6 Rising Stars to Seek Out at Armory Week 2021," Artnet News, September 10 | 2021 |
| Mitchell, Rory. "The Armory Show and Independent: Artwork Selections," Ocula, September 8 | 2021 |
| Gavin, Francesca. "Rute Merk on Technologized Subjectivity," Independent Features, August | 2021 |
| Corwin, William. "Rute Merk: SS20 – The Vitruvian Cyborg," The Brooklyn Magazine, September 11 | 2020 |
| Milbrath, Claire. "A Conversation with Rute Merk," Editorial Magazine, August | 2020 |
| Fateman, Johanna. "Rute Merk: SS20 at Downs & Ross," The New Yorker Magazine, August 15 | 2020 |
| Laster, Paul. "Figurative and Abstract Paintings Brighten NY Galleries," Art & Object, August 14 | 2020 |

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| Li, Suchao. "Rute Merk: Solitaire," Artforum China, July 22 | 2020 |
| Woolbright, Andrew Paul. "Phantom Body: Weightless bodies, Avatars, and the end of skin," Whitehot Magazine, April | 2020 |
| Virbickaite, Aiste Paulina. " Rūtės Merk XXI a. portretų galerija," Artnews.lt, March | 2020 |
| "A Special Visual Collaboraiton between Rute Merk and BALENCIAGA," Mousse Magazine, Issue 70, Winter | 2020 |
| Vogel, Maria. "Rutene Merk Paints the Intersection Between Spirituality and Technology," Art of Choice, June 26 | 2019 |
| Michnevičiūtė, Gražina. "The first exhibition of painter Rūtenė Merk in New York received the attention of the press and collectors," 15min.lt, June 11 | 2019 |
| Schwendener, Martha. "New York Art Galleries: What to See Right Now," The New York Times, May 23" | 2019 |
| Hatfield, Zack. "Critics' Pick: Rutene Merk: Sprites," Artforum, May 17 | 2019 |
| "Rutene Merk: Sprites," TimeOut New York, April 28 | 2019 |
| "Editor's Picks: 19 Things Not to Miss in New York's Art World This Week," Artnet News, April 22 | 2019 |

Selected Collections

Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Geneva
Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami
M Woods, Beijing
Sifang Art Museum, Nanjing
X Museum, Beijing
CC Foundation, Shanghai
MO Museum, Vilnius

Permanant Collection

The Nixon Collection